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Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter. Below you will find updates from federal, state and local agencies. Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact details listed at the end of this newsletter.

Sunday was the last day Governor Abbott could sign or veto a bill. If he failed to take either action, the bill would automatically become law without his signature. In the end, he vetoed a total of 58 items, resulting in more than 1400 new laws in the State of Texas. For a full report of these items, you can visit Texas Legislature Online. We will continue to feature bills I authored or co-authored in future editions of the newsletter, as there was a large amount of other information to share with you this week.

I would like to take a second to thank everyone that reached out with well wishes for my birthday today. Janet, the kids and I are enjoying a much-needed vacation in Toronto, Canada, and your kind comments have added to that joy.

Should you have questions regarding anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact us directly using the information provided at the bottom of this email.

Sincerely,





June 2019 Calendar

Download my May 2019 calendar by clicking the link below. This month is full of events in and around Texas that could be fun or useful to you and your family! This new format allows you to save the document for printing or sending to your family members.

Keep watch for these updated calendars at the beginning of each month. Important local and legislative dates and events will be posted here.

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE CALENDAR!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
2	3	4	5	6 Bizcom - Summer Creek	7	8				
9	Lake Houston Pachyderm Club	11	12	13 BirCom - Atascocita	14	15				
16	17	18	10 Texas Tribune: Houston & The 86th Legislature FEMA-NFIP Claim Workshop	20	Rep. Huberty's Birthday	22				
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Flood Mitigation Resources

Harris County Flood Control District & San Jacinto River Authority Announce New Systems



Rainfall and Stream Level Alerts

The regional Flood Warning System measures rainfall and monitors water levels in bayous, creeks, and rivers on a real-time basis to inform area residents of potential flooding conditions. This system relies on a network of gage stations that have been strategically placed throughout Harris and surrounding counties.

Alert notifications are available at over 250 locations across the region.

Sign up for default alerts or create custom alerts to receive real-time rainfall and stream level alerts by email and/or text message.

Get Started

The San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) announced a project resulting from their ongoing partnership with Harris County Flood Control District to provide residents of Montgomery, Harris, and surrounding counties the ability to sign up and receive water level and rainfall alerts. Automated alert notifications will be delivered via text message or e-mail when defined rainfall or water level values are reached at specific rainfall and stream gauges, alerting residents of potential high water threats.

The Flood Warning System (FWS) rainfall and stream gauge alerts are based on information gathered at over 250 gauge locations across the region by numerous agencies, including Harris, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Galveston, and Waller Counties, City of Mont Belvieu, City of Sugar Land, The Woodlands, and SJRA.

"Water level determination is essential knowledge during potential flooding events," said Chuck Gilman Director of Water Resources and Flood Management for the San Jacinto River Authority. "Our collaboration with Harris County Flood Control will take data from gauges across the region and give the public another tool to manage the threat of flooding in our area."

"One of the biggest takeaways from Hurricane Harvey was the need for automated notifications to be delivered in a timely manner and this enhancement will help to accomplish that effort" stated Jeff Lindner, Director of Hydrologic Operations and Meteorologist for the Flood Control District. "Residents can use the new alerts feature to make timely, informed decisions on how to protect themselves, their families, and property."

The feature allows residents to create customized water level alerts or select from pre-defined rainfall and water level values that have been developed and utilized by local government officials. Create an account and sign up for alerts at www.fwsalerts.org.

One of the major river authorities in Texas, SJRA's mission is to develop, conserve, and protect

the water resources of the San Jacinto River. Covering all or part of seven counties, the organization's jurisdiction includes the entire San Jacinto River watershed, excluding Harris County. For additional information on SJRA visit our website at www.sjra.net or like SJRA on Facebook @SanJacintoRiverAuthority

Updates from Austin

Press Conference: Gov. Abbott to Deploy More Texas National Guard Troops to Border



Governor Greg Abbott today announced the deployment of 1,000 Texas National Guard troops to assist the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) with the escalating humanitarian crisis at the southern border. In the past three weeks alone, more than 45,000 individuals from 52 different countries have been apprehended illegally crossing the border into Texas.

"The crisis at our southern border is unlike anything we've witnessed before and has put an enormous strain on the existing resources we have in place," said Governor Abbott. "With the deployment of these troops, we are taking action to confront the crisis at the border and keep potentially dangerous criminals and illegal activity out of our communities. By working together with our federal partners, we will continue to pursue a strong and comprehensive strategy to secure our border."

In the coming weeks, DHS will establish holding facilities in the Rio Grande Valley and El Paso for single adults entering the country illegally. The Texas National Guard troops will provide supplemental staffing support at the temporary holding facilities as well as supplemental enforcement support at ports of entry. These combined efforts will help alleviate the humanitarian crisis on our border as well as increase security for Texas communities.

"The massive increase in illegal immigration — on pace to exceed a million people this year—has been an emergency for months and Texas must continue to do everything we can to help secure our border, including deploying these additional troops," said Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick. "Texas communities along the border and throughout the state are struggling to deal with this huge increase. Our health care system and schools are stretched to the breaking point and cost increases on everything from temporary shelter and policing to street cleaning have been astronomical. Governor Abbott, Speaker Bonnen and I are agreed that we must work with our federal partners and act now."

"As a longtime advocate for border security, I support today's announcement as yet another example of Texas stepping up and filling in the gaps where the federal government has fallen short," said Speaker Dennis Bonnen. "I have worked with Governor Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Patrick, and lawmakers in past legislative sessions to secure our border and ensure the safety of our citizens, and will continue to support measures to do so as we call on Washington to fulfill their duty to protect our citizens."

The federal government will pay for 100 percent of the costs associated with this short-term

mission. Today's announcement follows a series of actions Governor Abbott and the State of Texas have taken in the past four years to secure our border in the wake of inaction by Congress. Since Governor Abbott took office, the State of Texas has dedicated nearly \$3 billion to confront the challenges that exist along our southern border. The State of Texas has also added 500 permanent Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers to the border region.

Web Video: Tax Reform That Puts Texans First



TEA: Texas Students Achieve Gains on 2019 STAAR Test

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) today released results for the 2019 spring administration of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) test. Results for high school end of course assessments were particularly strong, with gains in all subjects compared to 2018.

"This year's STAAR scores demonstrate Texas students are learning more in the core subjects designed to set them up for future success," said Education Commissioner Mike Morath. "More students are meeting grade-level expectations in Texas, and this is because of the incredibly talented work of our educators in classrooms around the state."

Commissioner Morath also noted the important role recently passed legislation, including House Bill 3, will have in providing Texas educators the resources, including funding, and tools necessary to improve student outcomes.

"Governor Abbott and members of the Texas legislature have taken seriously the task of educating future generations. House Bill 3 will help increase opportunities to secure greater educational outcomes for our students and TEA remains committed to our work of identifying additional areas for improvement, growth, and progress."

To review STAAR state-level reports, visit the Texas Education Agency website at https://tea.texas.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=51539630517.

Comparison of Statewide Spring STAAR Results 2018 vs 20

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1	Mathematics	386,467	87,152	23	259,275	77	177,641	46	87,431	23	373,900	81,252	22	292,648	78	1	177,598	47		90,793	24	
1	Reading	368,263	87,281	24	280,982	76	352,897	42	30,148	26	316,672	87,118	24	269,354	76		155,008	46	2	18,384	28	-
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	Reading	392,080	87,236	22	304,864	78		54	99,651	25	394,750	90,569	21	304,181	77	-3	201,297	51		113,587	29	
1	Science	399,294	98,212	25	301,042	75	358,631	60	65,494	36	402,303	104,910	26	297,293	74	-3	192,168	- 48		93,773	21	
6	Mathematics	387,665	92,645	24	265,020	76	364,825	41		17	400,834	82,420	21	318,474	79	3	170,840	41	2	79,546	20	
	Reading	394,958	134,580	34	260,378	66		36	69,827	18	409,700	138,033	31	271,667	66		145,298	35	-1	69,145	17	
7	Mathematics	350,802	102,764	29	248,041	71	132,948	38	60,431	17	352,662	95,114	27	257,548	73	2	142,946	41	3	54,777		
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1	Mathematics.	333,762	73,154	22	250,608	78	362,687	43	48,441	35	337,761	63,500	19	274,261	83	3	185,257	55		54,911	35	
1	Reading	385,881	90,798	24	295,083	76	179,104	44	98,791	25	392,556	89,555	21	103,001	77	3	206,173	51	7	107,121	27	
	Science	386,971	99,352	26	287,619	74	192,828	50	104,424	27	393,874	82,131	21	311,743	79	5	193,751	49	- 4	95,900	24	
1	Social Studies	389,004	141,619	36	247,385	64	132,855	34	78,357	20	395,533	130,820	33	264,713	67	3	139,000	35	1	80,179	20	
	Algebra I	420,255	70,342	17	349,913	83	236,549	56	140,885	14	416,314	67,411	16	348,903	84	1	255,960	62	- 6	164,106	29	
	Biology	410,500	55,220	13	355,280	87	248,108	60	100,109	24	409,346	49,956	12	359,192	88	1	259,772	63	. 3	105,943	26	
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	English II	445,287	153,179	34	292.117	96	223,628	50	37,136	- 8	445,461	545,520	33	299,941	67	1	227,845	51	1	16,572	- 8	
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Note: All information is based on the English Version of STAAR tests

Web Video: Making Texas Schools Safer For Students And Teachers



86th Session Legislative Statistics

Action	HBs	HJRs	HCRs	Total
Introduced	4,765	147	186	5,098
Passed	969	7	102	1,078
Vetoed	41	n/a	2	43

Action	SBs	SJRs	SCRs	Total
Introduced	2,559	70	68	2,697

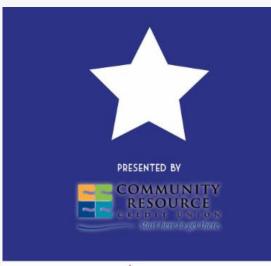
^{* 2019} data presented is based on preliminary data for grades 3-8, EDC and final data results for grades 5&8 methematics and reading

Passed 460 23 72 Vetoed 15 15

This information was last updated at 06/21/2019, and all numbers are final. To view a report of all Legislative Statistics, please click here.

Updates from the District

State Senator Brandon Creighton Added to State of the State Luncheon Lineup



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Constituent Resources

Need Assistance?

Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm

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